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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Amir M. Saffarian
Serial No.: 08/828,022
Filing Date: March 27, 1997
Group Art Unit: 2876
Examiner: D. Rodriguez
Title: AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CHECK
AMOUNT ENCODING AT A POINT-OF-SALE

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Official Action mailed July 20, 1999, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and further examine the rejection of the claims in view of the comments as set forth below. Applicant respectfully requests favorable action by the Examiner.